

**MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Friday, February 9, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Chair
Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Kim F. Coleman

Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Mike Winder

Staff Present:

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager
Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

2 . Approval of Minutes - 2/7/2018

MOTION: Rep. Miles moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2018. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson

3 . Strategic Workforce Initiative

Sen. Millner mentioned the top six programs that were selected for this initiative with the assistance of Ms. Kimberlee Carlile, GOED Director of Talent Initiatives.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to approve the top six projects on the Strategic Workforce Initiative List. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-15

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. J. Stevenson

Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley
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4 . Requests for Appropriation

4a) Children with Special Health Care Needs Clinic - Rep. Eliason

Chair Vickers explained that Rep. Eliason asked for this item to be removed.

4 b) Snow College Renovation

Rep. Gibson explained this funding request.

Sen. Millner asked why this request wasn't made to the Infrastructure & General Government Appropriations Subcommittee (IGG). Rep. Gibson responded.

Rep. Owens spoke in favor of this funding request.

Rep. Grover mentioned the critical need for this request and discussed the importance of having this prioritized.

Chair Vickers stated that this was an out-of-the ordinary request. Rep. Gibson gave more clarification about the issue.

Sen. Millner stated that she was very supportive of the request, but was concerned that the request came to this appropriations subcommittee.

5 . Tuition Waiver Discussion

Chair Vickers gave an overview regarding the different types of tuition waivers and tuition rates.

Rep. Grover told of a request to help with increased funding for public school teachers.

Rep. Potter discussed a bill that he has prepared regarding the Legacy waiver.

Rep. Owens expressed concern regarding tuition waiver reductions to make sure that one institution isn't penalized more than another.

Sen. Stevenson mentioned an incorrect public perception regarding available state funding.

Sen. Stephenson gave additional perspective regarding the competition among public education, higher education and transportation for state funding.

Rep. Kwan asked about WICHE and border tuition waivers and rates. Chair Vickers responded.

Sen. Dabakis discussed the problems of having a year-to-year funding mechanism.

6 . Subcommittee Discussion on budget priorities

Rep. Grover introduced the potential funding priorities list.

Dr. David Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) discussed the USHE perspective on the priorities list.

Sen. Vickers asked about order of the items listed. Comm. Buhler answered this question.

Sen. Millner asked for clarification about the ranking of the items listed. Comm. Buhler responded.

Rep. Kwan asked about the budget cut to the Campus Compact. Comm. Buhler and Rep. Grover answered the question.

Rep. Grover mentioned some motions that need to be discussed.

Dr. David Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Colleges (USTC) discussed the USTC budget requests.

Chair Vickers asked if there was a priority order for the budget requests. Comm. Woolstenhulme responded.

Chair Vickers discussed the budget request for the Southwest Technical College and Southern Utah University collaboration proposal. Comm. Woolstenhulme responded.

Sen. Stephenson asked a question about the tax-payer support for Career and Technical Education (CTE). Comm. Woolstenhulme answered this question.

Sen. Stephenson asked about the CTE support through the USHE institutions. Dr. Kimberly Henrie, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Facilities answered this question.

Comm. Woolstenhulme discussed collaboration that is taking place with Utah State University and the USTC system.

Comm. Buhler gave clarification as to why tuition rates would vary between CTE programs in USHE and USTC.

Sen. Stephenson requested that the committee look at this during the interim. Chair Vickers agreed that this is something that should be discussed during the interim.

Comm. Woolstenhulme stated that USTC would welcome a discussion regarding the alignment of costs for technical education throughout the state of Utah between USHE and USTC.

Sen. Stephenson expressed support for the USTC scholarship budget request. He would also like to have some intent language that some of the money could be used for students to recruit students. Chair Vickers mentioned a bill that Rep. Grover was bringing forward regarding this issue.

7 . Subcommittee Voting on budget priorities

Chair Vickers discussed Items A & B on the priority list regarding Compensation & Equity

[6-FY 19 Prioritization List for Friday - HED - 2-9-2018](#)

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to recommend the compensation & equity budget request as the first budget priority. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-15

Rep. K. Coleman

Sen. J. Dabakis

Rep. B. Daw

Rep. K. Grover

Sen. D. Henderson

Sen. D. Ipson

Rep. K. Kwan

Rep. K. Miles

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. H. Stephenson

Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Chair Vickers asked for the committee to look at the USHE and USTC requests separately.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to restore the .5% cut to institutions

Rep. Winder, Rep. Daw, and Rep. Coleman asked clarifying questions. Chair Vickers and Rep. Grover responded.

MOTION: Rep. Coleman moved to reduce the restoration from USHE from \$4,693,500 to \$3,693,500 and move \$1 million down to Item H employer driven program expansion in USTC.

Rep. Wheatley asked a clarifying question. Rep. Grover responded.

Rep. Kwan, Rep. Potter, Sen. Millner and Sen. Ipson spoke against the motion.

Rep. Coleman's substitute motion failed with a vote of 1 - 15 - 0 .

Yeas-1

Rep. K. Coleman

Nays-15

Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
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Absent-0

Sen. Millner's original motion to restore the USHE .5% subcommittee reduction back to the institutions passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 0 .

Yeas-16

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
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MOTION: Rep. Winder moved to move "Statewide Priorities" to the 4th priority and Student Growth & Capacity, Completion, and Workforce as 5, 6, and 7; respectively, with the chairs' recommendations for dollar amounts.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to keep Student Growth and Capacity, Completion, Workforce, and Statewide Priorities in their original placement on the prioritization list.

Sen. Millner expressed concern about placing workforce as a lower priority.

Rep. Potter and Sen. Henderson spoke in support of the substitute motion.

Rep. Daw's substitute motion passed with a vote of 10 - 6 - 0 .

Yeas-10

Nays-6

Absent-0

Rep. K. Coleman	Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw	Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Grover	Sen. A. Millner
Sen. D. Henderson	Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. D. Ipson	Rep. M. Wheatley

Rep. K. Miles
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson

Rep. M. Winder

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to fully restore tuition waivers back to the institutions as the new priority #4.

Sen. Ipson spoke in favor of the motion.

Rep. Kwan asked a clarifying question. Chair Vickers and Rep. Grover responded.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved restore the tuition waivers, but to move it to Priority #8 on the prioritization list.

Sen. Millner spoke against the substitute motion.

Sen. Stephenson spoke in favor of the substitute motion.

Rep. Daw's substitute motion passed with a vote of 11 - 5 - 0 .

Yeas-11

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. D. Owens
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-5

Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley

Absent-0

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to place the USTC requests above the USHE requests on the list with the addition of \$200,000 to implement the cooperative program between Southwest Technical College and Southern Utah University.

Rep. Wheatley asked a clarifying question.

Sen. Stephenson's motion passed with a vote of 10 - 6 - 0 .

Yeas-10

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-6

Sen. J. Dabakis
Sen. D. Henderson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Absent-0

Chair Vickers explained that Item #9 on the "Requests for Appropriations" List (Children w/Special Health Care Needs Clinic has been removed from the list.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to prioritize the additional ongoing Requests for Appropriations Item Numbers 1-11 as listed by the chairs.

MOTION: Rep. Winder moved to the same prioritization as the Sen. Ipson's motion with the exception of Item #9 "Prehistoric Museum Funding" and to move it to Item #4.

Rep. Kwan asked a clarifying question.

Rep. Winder's substitute motion passed with a vote of 12 - 4 - 0 .

Yeas-12

Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-4

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. H. Stephenson
Rep. M. Wheatley

Absent-0

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to not fund Item #2, "Public Lands Research."

Sen. Vickers gave more explanation about this funding request; and spoke against the motion.

Sen. Millner also spoke against the motion.

SUBSTITUTE Rep. Wheatley moved to move Item #2 "Public Lands Research" to Item #5 on this list. The
MOTION: Substitute motion failed with a vote of 3 - 13 - 0 .

Yeas-3

Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-13

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Winder

Absent-0

Rep. Kwan withdrew the original motion.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to accept ongoing list as currently outlined and send the recommendations to the
E.A.C. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 0 .

Yeas-16

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays-0

Absent-0

Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Chair Vickers explained the prioritization list for the one-time funding requests.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to approve the chairs recommendation for one-time items and recommend that the Snow College renovation be funded, but recommend that it be considered from IGG funds.

Sen. Millner spoke in favor of this motion.

Sen. Ipson's motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 0 .

<u>Yeas-16</u>	<u>Nays-0</u>	<u>Absent-0</u>
Rep. K. Coleman		
Sen. J. Dabakis		
Rep. B. Daw		
Rep. K. Grover		
Sen. D. Henderson		
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Rep. K. Kwan		
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Sen. H. Stephenson		
Sen. J. Stevenson		
Sen. E. Vickers		
Rep. M. Wheatley		
Rep. M. Winder		

Chair Vickers discussed some reallocation motions that need to be made.

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MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to approve all of the motions at outlined in the document. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 0 .

<u>Yeas-16</u>	<u>Nays-0</u>	<u>Absent-0</u>
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Rep. M. Winder

Rep. Owens and Rep. Daw thanked the chairs for their hard work.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 0 .

Yeas-16

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw
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Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.